Amendments to the Specification:

At page 16, replace the second paragraph, at lines 13-22, with the following paragraph:

Various embodiments of the element 16 are shown in the FIGS. 3a, b and 4a, b. It is possible, for example, for the element 16 to be constructed as a wheel 28 that has a point 29 on its circumference, so having a conical shape. In addition and/or alternatively, the wheel 28 can be constructed to include a plurality of teeth 30 whose free ends may be equipped with the points 29. Further embodiments ~~consist of~~ include correspondingly constructed rollers or the like. The diameter of the wheel 28 or the roller is conventionally significantly smaller than the maximum diameter 25 of the clamping device 4.

At page 17, replace the first full paragraph, lines 5-13, with the following paragraph:

In this arrangement, the spiral springs 32 in the embodiment of FIG. 5 are arranged approximately parallel to the direction 20 while the leaf springs 33 in the embodiment of FIG. 6 are arranged approximately transverse to the direction 20. In both embodiments the spring force of the springs 32, 33 connected to shaft or carrier 31 acts radially outward approximately parallel to the direction 20 so that the elements 16 (or "flexible protrusions") are always urged outward by the springs 32, 33 approximately parallel to the direction 20 into the advanced position 23.

At page 17, bottom, replace the paragraph bridging page 17, line 31 to page 18, line 9, with the following paragraph:

According to FIGS. 8a, b, c it is thus possible for the element 16 to be configured as a protuberance 35 (tapered conical shape) that is positioned on the free end 36 of a threading device 6 (or "carrier") and hence connected to the rotary cylinder 10. In this embodiment, at least the free end 36 of the threading device 6 is of a resilient configuration, for example by being made of a plastic material, forming a flexible protrusion. In the normal state the protuberance 35 adopts the advanced position 23. Upon contact with the skin 21 the protuberance 35 is urged back by the skin 21 itself against the resilient force into the retracted position 22. Once the protuberance 35 is no longer opposite the skin 21 it is urged forward again by the resilient force into the advanced position 23.